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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. BRIAN PERSONS

SUBJECT: Department of Defense Hotline Referral

The Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense (IG DoD) forwarded Attachment 1 to my office for action. IG DoD made the "Action Referral" to my office due to the conflict of interest which is presented by the nature of the complaint involving members of the Office of the Naval Inspector General (NAVINSGEN) and the perception of partiality that could have been created should NAVINSGEN have inquired into this matter. The documents contained in Attachment 1 are three separate Defense Hotline case referrals containing complaints which were filed with the DoD Hotline alleging misconduct by members of the NAVINSGEN staff. Defense Hotline case number 20150319-030441-CASE-01 is an "Action Referral," which requires that the Department of the Navy (DON) submit a formal report of inquiry to IG DoD. Defense Hotline case numbers 20150315-030345-CASE-02 and 20150318-030427-CASE-02 are "Informational referrals," provided for our information and action, as appropriate. The DoD Inspector General's Investigation of Senior Officials Directorate determined that the allegations contained in these two "Informational Referrals" do not meet the criteria for investigation of senior officials.

With the concurrence of the Vice Chief of Naval Operations, you are hereby appointed to conduct an inquiry into the specific allegations contained in the "Action Referral." In order to ensure your independence in conducting an investigation into these allegations, you will report directly to me on this matter. I have instructed the Naval IG to provide you with his full support during the conduct of this inquiry. Conduct an inquiry and provide me with a copy of the draft Hotline Completion Report by August 11, 2015. If your inquiry uncovers evidence of misconduct by any senior official, inform me immediately.

My office will arrange for the necessary resources to assist you in conducting this inquiry. All DON components should support this effort as necessary, and any personnel who are assigned to assist you in this inquiry should report directly to you with respect to this tasking.

My point of contact for this matter is Ms. Anne Brennan, Principal Deputy General Counsel, who may be reached at 703-614-1994.

Paul L. Oostburg Sanz
Performing the Duties of the
Under Secretary of the Navy
with respect to the NAVINSGEN

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Attachment:

As stated

cc:

ACMC (w/o attachment)

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